Nuer

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1 Language Information

- Source: Crazzolara (1933)

- Glottlog: http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nuer1246

- ISO-identifier: nus

- Speakers:

- Location: Ethiopia, Sudan

- Geneology: Nilotic > Western Nilotic > Dinka-Nuer > Nuer-Reel > Nuer

2 Nominal Morphology

The nouns have a singular and a plural form.

3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees in number with the subject.

4 Conjunction

The coordination conjunctions in Nuer are *kè* 'and, but' (= the preposition 'with'), *bä* 'also, too', *mǎ̈änǎ́* 'also'.

(1) góorè̱ bèn bǎ́
    ?
    'He wants to come, too.' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 193]

(2) kè *ɛ́* ɣǎ́n bä, góorà̱ bèn bǎ́
    ?
    'I also want to come.' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 193]

(3) kɔ́ɔ̀n bánè wɔ mä̀änä́ jĭn bä bánè wɔ́ pfwùúr kèɛl
?

'We, also you, shall go, we shall go together to clean (the field).' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 193]

(4) ɛ̀n dèè ben wä́lè, kè càá gan è nhìáal, (dùn thílɛ́ nhíaàl dérɛ̀ ben)
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'He would have come today, but he was prevented by rain, (if there were no rain, he would have come).' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 194]

(5) ɛ̀n dèè mä́ädhdä́ wɔ́ bèn, ké gànkè jɛ
?

'My friend would have come, but he was hindered.' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 194]

(6) ɣä́n kè jín lábì dèmáàr = kɔ́nè jín lábnè gáad ràm kɛ́ɛ̀l
?

'I and you we are brothers.' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 195]

(7) lòkè jɛ, kè cɛ̌ nhɔk
?

'They reject him, but he would not accept (and go).' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 195]

(8) ɛ̀ dhóol mé jyä̈äɣ, ké nhɔ̀kɛ́ jɛ é màn
?

'He is a bad boy, but notwithstanding he is loved by his mother.' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 195]

5 Disjunction

kíìè (kéè) 'or' marks disjunction.

(9) bì wɔ̀ né ɣä́n kíìè bì wɔ̀ né jĭn?
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'Shall I go, or wilt thou go?' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 195]

(10) bä̌ wɔ kíìè nyuɔ́ɔrä́ wànɛ?
?

'Shall I come or sit here?' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 196]

(11) cè thɔ̀ɔ́ar kíìè cè lín?
?

'Did it float or did it sink?' [Crazzolara, 1933, p. 196]

6 Prepositions

1. *kè* 'with, to, on behalf of, for, against, of'

2. *mǎänǎ́* 'until, including, as far as'

3. *jɔ̀alǎ́* 'until'

4. *däär* 'in the midst of'

5. *gɛ́ɛ̀kǎ́* 'by, beside'

6. *káàm* 'between'

7. *kɔ́ɔ̀r* 'behind'

8. *kúd* 'beside'

9. *nhìáàm* 'in fron of'

References

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